Privatisation of power generation in Himachal Pradesh

1112. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the process of privatisation of power generation in Himachal Pradesh has set in;

(b) if so, what are the details of the action taken in this regard and what is the response of the private sector to such schemes; and

(c) whether such schemes need the approval of Central Government if so, what guidelines have been issued by the Central Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c) Government of Himachal Pradesh had invited applications from private sector firms interested in implementing 10 Hydel Projects in Himachal Pradesh. Response from 53 firms was received. Government of Himachal Pradesh have processed and identified private sector firms which will be implementing Uhl-III (70 MW), Baspa-II (300 MW) and Ghanvi (22.5 MW) Hydro Electric Projects. Government of Himachal Pradesh have signed a Memorandum of Understanding with a private sector firm for implementation of Baspa-II Hydro Electric Project on 23-11-91. Uhl-III & Ghanvi Hydro Electric Projects are projects which have been cleared by Central Electricity Authority. Central Electricity Authority can take up techno-economic appraisal of Baspa-II Project when the feasibility report of the project as per the Memorandum of Understanding is received by them.

West Bengal's proposal on Bakreswar Thermal Plan Project

1113. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received a proposal from Government of West Bengal for implementing the Barkreshwar Thermal Plant Project with credit from Japan; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what is the reaction of the Central Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of West Bengal have recently proposed that the project be delinked from Soviet assistance in view of prevailing situation in USSR and assistance from OECF be availed for the implementation of the Bakreshwar Project. In view of the difficulties being experienced in securing fresh bilateral assistance for the power sector, the Government is keen to utilise Soviet assistance for the Bakreshwar Project as in the case of other power projects for which Soviet assistance is committed.

1114. [*Transferred to the 11th December*, 1991].

उत्तर प्रदेश के कतिपय जिलों में कुटीर ज्योति योजना का कार्यान्वित किया जाना

1115. **श्री ईश दत्त यादव:** क्या विद्युत और गैर-पारंपरिक ऊर्जा स्रोत मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) उत्तर प्रदेश के आजमगढ़, मऊ, गाजीपुर, जौनपुर एवं सुल्तानपुर